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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The shift lever assembly comprising:

a cross-car-beam extending in a vehicle transverse direction and including a support;

a shift lever device having a device body and a rod being slidably supported by the device body; and

a fitting configured to fix the shift lever device to the cross-car-beam;

wherein the fitting comprises:

a longitudinal wall extending in a vehicle longitudinal direction;

a transverse wall extending in the vehicle transverse direction; and

a connecting wall interconnecting the longitudinal wall and the transverse wall,

wherein the support comprises:

a longitudinal fitting face extending in the vehicle longitudinal direction and opposed to the longitudinal wall; and

a transverse fitting face extending in the vehicle transverse direction and opposed to the transverse wall,

wherein the longitudinal wall and the transverse wall are abutted on and fixed to the longitudinal fitting face and the transverse fitting face, respectively,

The shift lever assembly according to claim 8,

wherein the connecting wall comprises:

a rear wall continuous with a rear end of the longitudinal wall; and

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a side wall continuous with an inner side end of the transverse wall in the vehicle transverse direction and being opposed to the longitudinal wall,

wherein the shift lever comprises a device body positioned in an inside enclosed by the longitudinal wall, the transverse wall, and the connecting wall,

wherein the longitudinal wall and the side wall of the connecting wall define elongated holes extending in the vehicle longitudinal direction,

wherein the device body has fitting shafts protruding therefrom in the vehicle transverse direction,

wherein the fitting shafts are fitted in the elongated holes, fixing the device body to the fitting.

10. (Original) The shift lever assembly according to claim 9,
wherein the elongated holes have the rear ends with a width substantially identical to sizes of the fitting shafts,

wherein the elongated holes have front sides in front of the rear ends in the vehicle longitudinal direction,

the front sides are narrower in width than the rear ends,

wherein the fitting shafts are fitted in the rear ends of the elongated holes.

11. (Currently Amended) The shift lever assembly according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 9,
wherein the longitudinal wall, the transverse wall, and the connecting wall are integrated with each other.

12. (Currently Amended) The shift lever assembly according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 9,
wherein the cross-car-beam comprises a rib in a circumferential direction,
wherein the support is provided on the rib.

13. (Cancelled)